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<p>IN RE APPLICATION OF: Jeffery D. BAIRD</p> <p>SERIAL NO. 10/673,952</p> <p>FILED: September 29, 2003</p> 	<p>ATTY DKT NO. P-123837</p> <p>GROUP NO.: 3672</p>
<p>TITLE: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING THE ASCENT AND DESCENT OF PIPE IN A WELL BORE</p>	
<p>TO: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p>	

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A list of the patents and/or publications is set forth in the attached (Section 9) Form PTO-1449. Copies of items listed where available are enclosed.

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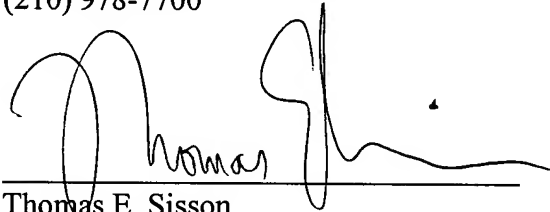
The patent references attached and identified on PTO-1449 disclose various pipe slips.

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